

# WHAT WILL FRANCE BE WHEN WAR IS ENDED?

Philosophers, Scientists and Doctors Are Speculating on Question of Future Conditions.

ALL LOOK ON BRIGHT SIDE

They Believe Race Will Be Stronger, Better and Nobler as Result of Flery Ordeal Through Which It Is Passing.

PARIS, February 13.—"France and the French After the War" is the subject of much speculation by philosophers, scientists and doctors. Emile Boutroux, the French philosopher, thinks France will come out of the trial better and greater in spite of all of the destruction of life and property.

"So many human lives taken, so many masterpieces of the past reduced to powder, so much artistic and material wealth annihilated, supplies and leaves our souls in incurable pain," he says. "All these sacrifices, however, may in certain ways contribute directly to the betterment of life in our country."

"Our cities and the country contain a great many unhealthy habitations," he declares, "that we were unable to decide ourselves to demolish. We hesitated before the difficulties and before the expense. War has put us face to face with the problem of rebuilding healthy and commodious buildings have disappeared, and will be replaced by constructions conforming to hygienic laws and to the needs of modern life. Many defective conditions of the past will thus be improved by the reconstruction that will be imposed upon us."

"Death awakens life. After 1870 France pulled herself together and pushed out vigorously in every direction. What shall be its power of development after this terrible trial, above all, if the issue is favorable to us?"

"The cause of the low birth rate," M. Boutroux thinks, "resides primarily in selfishness and the disposition to consider only the present or the immediate future. With confidence in the future, with a vast distant perspective opened up, there is awakened a desire to glorify one's self in one's descendants. A vigorous race will open up before science, before art, literature and before practical activity in all its forms."

MANY FICTITIOUS NEEDS

ENCUMBER CIVILIZATION  
"Measurements that are most contrary to the indifference of today are today accepted without objection, such as the prohibition of the traffic in absinthe. Civilization has been loaded down with harmful to nature, great many of them are so many chains upon nature, and as many causes of fragility and weakness. Now, all at once, lacking all these artificialities, we feel no sense of privation. We are more conscious, on the contrary, of re-entering upon a possession of our strength and of being better able to dispose of it for the accomplishment of useful work."

"War," he says, "only liberates us from selfish persons, only liberates positive virtues; the value of decisions, the repetition, sacrifices of life to honor in the fatherland, it requires of us patience, and this people who were thought incapable of supporting in silence long and painful trials, this people of whom its enemies said that it would succumb to their aid by insurrection," remains calm and resolute. "The French, it was said, were not to act collectively. Their incurable individualism precluded vivacity of another. Examples they have given of unity and the efficiency of collective effort," Monsieur Boutroux thinks, "will have as important an effect upon the future as any other of the lessons of war."

From the medical standpoint, Professor Chauffard, of the Academy of Medicine, before the Alliance of the Sciences, speaking of the mobilization order, and comparing it to one of the great physical phenomena which constantly trouble the universe, like earthquakes, tidal waves, etc., says that "the manner in which France supported the shock augurs well for the health of the race after the war."

"Adaptation," he says, "is the greatest law of biology, for we live and preserve our physical and moral life by adaptation only. He who is incapable of adapting himself to his surroundings is doomed. The French race adapted itself admirably to this unforeseen danger, and to realize this it is only sufficient to remember what Paris and what France were at the moment when the mobilization order was published. For the calm confidence with which each one went to his duty we are indebted to a quality that we did not know we possessed perhaps to that degree, nervous stability, to the mastery of ourselves, to the control that we have not lost of our nervous system."

MANY WHO ARE UNABLE

TO WITHSTAND SHOCK  
"In a collective," he says, "there are always a certain number of individuals who suffice for their daily life, but who are unable to accomplish a more arduous task or to support an unforeseen shock. When the hour of the trial arrives, those succumb. They lose their heads. During the first days of the mobilization a number of such subjects profoundly troubled mentally, arrived at the hospitals, but in reality their number in proportion to the number of healthy subjects was very small, and many of these troubles were of very short duration. The trial was severe, but it was to our honor because it bears witness that the French race has not degenerated."

"We know by long experience that every war involves the outbreak of a great many diseases, and we were very agreeably astonished during the first three months of this war that sickness was very rare in all our sanitary stations. The army in barracks reflects the state of health of the civil population with which it is associated. If we were not at war we should now see the diseases of the season appear in all our garbions. But on the contrary, the army is remarkably free from them, and, fortunately, in proportion to the dead, the wounded and the sick there will remain a far greater number who have escaped all the dangers. These will come back hardened, more resistant than they were before, nobler, ripened and better tempered physically as morally."

This improved condition of the survivors, Dr. Chauffard thinks, will more than offset the decrease in the birth rate, due to the many deaths, and for that reason he considers that the general physical condition of the French race will be improved by the war.

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"Germany, therefore, is again obliged urgently to warn all neutral ships against entering English coast waters after February 18, as from that date the German admiralty will prosecute the war with all means at its disposal against British war ports and British armed merchant ships."

"Neutral vessels which are then still within the war zone will run the same risks as if they pursued a course through sea battles between England and Germany, at which the date and place could not have been made known, and will bring risks upon themselves for which Germany cannot take the responsibility."

"The route around the north of Scotland, owing to the depth of the waters, cannot be endangered by mines. There, as well as in the waters of the North Sea, with the exception of British waters and German Bay, neutral shipping will not be endangered by the measures the German admiralty is adopting."

AMERICAN NOTE

ENTIRELY FRIENDLY  
LONDON, February 13 (1:45 P. M.).—The British Foreign Office has prepared a reply to the American note concerning the use of the American flag on the steamer Lusitania. The reply will be forwarded to Washington probably before February 18.

The position of Great Britain, as will be set forth in the reply, probably will be that the captains of British merchant vessels have been advised to use neutral flags should an emergency demand such action to save the lives of those on the ships. The notes probably will make it clear that no general use of neutral flags has been contemplated or advised.

The feeling among officials and Englishmen generally is that the American note is entirely friendly. The response will be wholly in the same spirit.

URGES CONCERTED ACTION

BY AMERICAN REPUBLICS

NEW YORK, February 13.—Concerted action by the American republics to assert the right of neutral trade in American waters in the present war was advocated by Dr. L. S. Rowe, of the University of Pennsylvania, at the luncheon of the Republican Club here today.

He outlined a plan for an international conference of the republics of America to supplement work being done by the governing board of the Pan-American Union. Dr. Rowe said such a conference should consider neutralization of all inter-American commerce, irrespective of the nationality of the vessel, and the extension to all waters of this continent the principle formulated by the United States, that hovering of belligerent vessels near the coast line of the United States for the purpose of molesting commerce would be regarded as a distinctly unfriendly act.

SPAIN ASKS POWERS

TO ACT IN MEXICO

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San Juan, P. R., February 13.—Mr. Canales, minister of the interior, and his staff when they arrived. The minister was told he might board the Delaware at once if he desired, but he chose quarters for the night on a Spanish merchant ship, tied up at the dock here.

The minister expects to leave next Tuesday on the Spanish steamer Reina Maria Cristina.

TERMS MUCH FRIENDLIER

THAN EXPECTED

BERLIN, February 13 (via London, 11:10 P. M.).—The German Foreign Office, after studying the American note respecting the declaration by Germany of a war zone in the waters around Great Britain and Ireland, states that the terms are much friendlier than previously had been expected, by reason of the incomplete newspaper dispatches published here.

The Foreign Office had not anticipated that the United States would accept the German position without objections, and it even recognizes that, from the American standpoint, certain of the points raised are quite justified. Germany, however, it is declared, intends to adhere to its own viewpoint.

Various officials, diplomatic, naval and military, whose opinions have been sought, profess to see no elements of danger in the situation, and are convinced that the naval campaign can be conducted on the lines laid down in the admiralty proclamation without involving difficulties between the United States and Germany.

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"Skull and Cross Bones" or even the "Crescent," so long as he got us ashore safely."

OTHER PROMINENT PERSONS ON BOARD

Others aboard to-day included V. Brodrick Cloete, Lord Castlemaine, Mrs. Radcliffe Dugmore, Comtesse de Demplingne, Mrs. Morton Henry, of the American embassy at Paris; William O. Islen, H. C. Cooper, D. F. Lieber, Dean Howard McGlenahan, John McFadden, of Philadelphia, formerly well-known as a cotton broker, and Mrs. McFadden; Moncure Robinson, Mrs. W. S. Patten, A. Silsby, Mrs. H. B. Squires, John Astor Squires, Baron Ungern, Lady Williams Taylor, J. D. Whelpley, and Dr. J. P. Crozier.

Whatever may happen on the voyage, the Lusitania went out flying the British flag, and, although the Cunard officials would not talk, it is understood she will continue flying it under all circumstances. It is stated here that the action of last week was more in the nature of an experiment, and, in fact, was to try it out so that a definite ruling could be obtained on what, it is urged, is a perfectly lawful act for British shipping to do in a case of emergency under the present conditions. The result was considered eminently satisfactory, but it is unlikely that a future rule will be resorted to in the future, except in cases of extreme emergency.

Exactly how the Lusitania is going to make the trip across on this voyage is unknown, but it is stated she will be "told" by British war vessels, and conveyed until out of danger of submarines.

Shipping circles in Liverpool have reason to believe that the famous German submarine U-23 was sunk off the mouth of the Mersey last Sunday, when three submarines were sighted in that vicinity. At any rate, this rumor has had the effect of considerably quieting the Lusitania's passengers.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Helen Gray Manson. Mrs. Helen Gray Manson, seventy-six years old, died suddenly Friday night at her home, 813 East Franklin Street. She was the widow of Dr. O. F. Manson.

Mrs. Manson came of a widely known Virginia family. William Gray, her father, was one of the most prominent business men in Richmond before the war between the States, and her mother, Mrs. Susan Anne Pleasant, traced her ancestry to John Pleasant, of Curles, who came to Virginia about 1670.

Colonel James T. Gray, of this city, is Mrs. Manson's sole surviving brother, and she is survived also by four sons, William Gray Watson, Osborne Watson, James P. Watson and Bernard P. Watson. Mrs. Manson was widely known for her charity and her kindly spirit, and it is said of her that her greatest happiness lay in doing good to others.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Catholic Church by the pastor, Rev. T. A. Street, D. D. Interment will be in Hollywood Cemetery.

H. M. Owen. H. M. Owen, sixty-two years old, died Thursday at the home of his son-in-law, W. E. Sadler, 412 Cowardin Avenue. He leaves four children, Mrs. W. E. Sadler, Miss Mary Owen, G. N. and R. H. Owen, and two sisters, E. V. Vaughan, Mrs. J. E. Davidson, and one brother, E. P. Owen. Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Clifton Street Baptist Church.

DEATHS.

HARE.—Died at the home of her son, Henry A. Hare, 914 Fourth Avenue, Sunday, February 14, at 12:30 A. M. Mrs. ELIZABETH A. HARE, in her eightieth year.

Funeral notice later.

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Mrs. Henrietta Bailey. Mrs. Henrietta Bailey, widow of Captain J. H. Bailey, of Sussex County, died last evening at the home of John C. Weeks, on Monroe Street, following an illness of several weeks. She was in the eighty-first year of her age. The funeral and burial will be at the old family homestead in Sussex to-morrow.

Dr. B. W. Mebane. FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 13.—News has been received here of the death in Mount Airy, N. C., of Rev. B. W. Mebane, D. D., who was for four years pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city, and for a time was connected with Fredericksburg College. He was sixty-four years old.

Mrs. Irene Crist. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., February 13.—Mrs. Irene Crist, aged forty-one years, wife of H. Taliaferro Crist, died yesterday at her home at Elton, Amherst County, after a brief illness. She was a daughter of the late Captain George Henry and Frances Scott Cameron, of Amherst County. When she was eleven years old she went to Boston, Mass., to live with a sister, and was educated in the schools of that city. In April, 1899, she married John F. Elder, of Boston. He died six years ago, and two years later she returned to Virginia to make her home. She married Mr. Crist in January, 1912. In addition to her husband, she has three children, three children, Frances Scott Elder and John F. Elder, by the first marriage.

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